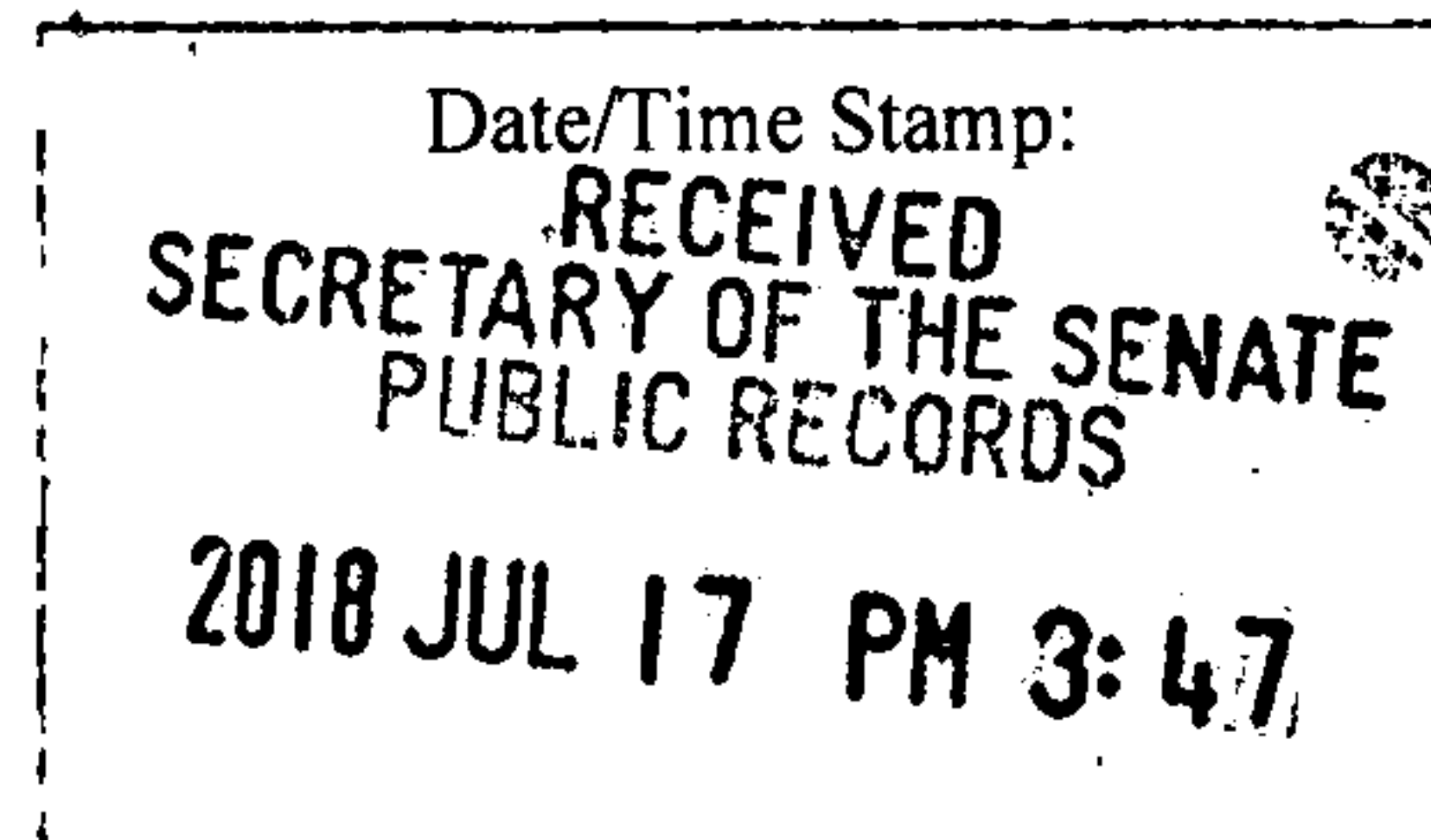


Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses



Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building**.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☐ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☐ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Hudson Institute

Travel date(s): June 30, 2018-July 7, 2018

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$3,399.48	\$886.14	\$476.14	\$11.66 (cost per traveler for tour of government districts in Riga and Vilnius)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	0	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

Itinerary is attached.

07/18/18
(Date)

Kristen A. Johnson
(Printed name of traveler)

Kristen A. Johnson
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

07/18/18
(Date)

Tom Cuth
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Itinerary for Baltic Security Tour: June 30-July 7 2018

June 30

5:05 PM	Depart Washington DC for Vilnius
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July 1

12:40 PM	Arrive in Vilnius
12:40-1:40 PM	Transfer to hotel
1:40-2:00 PM	Check into hotel
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Transfer to briefing room within hotel
3:00-4:30 PM	Briefing on Lithuanian Geopolitical/Historical Situation with Vytautas Mikėnas, First Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Briefing will include introduction to Lithuanian portion of Baltic trip, background on current Lithuanian geopolitical situation and the key determiners of current situation. Security threats from Russia and neighboring Russian enclave of Kaliningrad, and state of U.S.-Lithuanian ties.
4:30-5:15 PM	Working tour of Vilnius Old City with Lithuanian legislative staffer. The tour will focus on location of government buildings in Vilnius as well as their roles in national politics, as well as sites important for civil society.
5:15 -5:30 PM	Transfer to hotel
6:30-7:00 PM	Transfer to dinner (Hazienda Restaurant)
7:00-9:00 PM	Working dinner with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Ambassadors, A.Semaškienė. Panel discussion with Ambassador Semaškienė, A. Molis (Energy Adviser to Lithuanian President), L. Varanavičius, (LITGRID Strategy Department Director), J.Usevičiūtė, (MFA International Economic Cooperation and Economic Security Department), and Mikėnas (MFA Transatlantic Cooperation and Security Policy Department) will focus on energy security and Russia, threats from Russia's Gazprom dominance of European energy market and how this impacts Lithuanian security. Panel to be followed by presentation on energy by LITGRID (Lithuanian energy company) CEO D. Virbickas on Lithuanian power network operator, implementing electric power bridge between Poland and Lithuania – project to stop the energy isolation of the Baltic States
9:00 PM	Transfer to hotel

July 2

7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast at hotel
8:00-8:45 AM	U.S. Embassy briefing at hotel – briefing by staff at the U.S. Embassy. The briefing will provide the Embassy's take on the current situation geopolitically and security-wise in Lithuania, as distinct from the Lithuanian perspective.
8:45-9:00 AM	Transfer to Ministry of Foreign Affairs

9:00-9:55 AM	Meetings at the Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs with MFA Policy Director Asta Skaistgirytė. The meeting will discuss major regional diplomatic concerns ahead of July NATO summit in Brussels, cybersecurity threats, role of the U.S. diplomatically in the region, and the diplomatic needs and pressures being felt by Lithuania.
9:55-10:00 AM	Transfer to Lithuanian Parliament (Seimas)
10:00-10:15 AM	Stop by January 13 Memorial: brief visit to outdoor memorial on route to Parliament building. Memorial to lives lost during Soviet occupation serves as important indicator of national conscious towards Russia, rationale behind Lithuanian policy and distrust towards neighboring Russia, Lithuanian dedication to freedom and defense against future aggression.
10:15-10:30 AM	Briefing at Lithuanian Parliament on Lithuanian political system followed by working tour of Parliament with Lithuanian legislative staffer. During working tour, the legislative staffer will show group various key areas of Parliament building and their role in the national political process.
10:30-11:45 AM	Meetings with Members of Lithuanian Parliament (Seimas) A. Kubilius, L. Kasčiūnas, R. Miliūtė, Ž. Pavilionis, G. Vasiliauskas as well as Head of Speakers office G.Žukaitė concerning joint U.S.-Baltic issues and relations from diverse viewpoint of members of the Lithuanian legislature.
11:45-12:15 PM	Transfer to restaurant (Nabuco Hall, Artis Hotel)
12:15-1:45 PM	Working roundtable lunch with Ministry of Defense Policy Director, Robertas Šapronas, S.Gasiūnas (Director of MOND Defense Policy and Euro-Atlantic cooperation department), Col. ltn. M.Mertinaitė (Head of MOND Military Cooperation Division), Ž.M.Vaicekauskaitė (adviser MOND Defense Policy and Euro-Atlantic cooperation department), and V.Mikėnas to discuss major Lithuanian defense initiatives, pressing security concerns. The discussion will explore Lithuanian security concerns from the perspective of the defense ministry, role the US Navy, Air Force, and NATO play in defending the region, and how American-Lithuanian governments and militaries currently work together.
1:45-1:50 PM	Transfer to Ministry of Defense (walking)
1:50-3:00 PM	Meeting at Ministry of Defense: Meeting with Strategic Communication Department to discuss major security concerns, defense initiatives.
3:00-3:15 PM	Departure for Presidential Palace of Lithuania (walking)
3:15-4:20 PM	Visit to Lithuanian Presidential Palace for meetings with President's Senior Advisors N.Aleksiejūnas and Ž.Šatūnienė . The group will discuss geopolitical and foreign policy concerns from standpoint of Lithuanian executive branch. This meeting will transmit the specific concerns and needs of the Lithuanian President to the American staffers and relay the Lithuanian president's views on the future of U.S.-Lithuanian relations ahead of the following week's NATO summit.
4:20-4:30 PM	Transfer to North American Treaty Organization (NATO) Energy Security Center of Excellence
4:30-5:30 PM	Visit to NATO Energy Security Center of Excellence and briefings with Col. G Bagdonas and other key NATO officials on energy security, NATO's role in energy security, and briefing on role of NATO Force Integration Unit (NFIU)

5:30-6:00 PM	Transfer to hotel
6:45-7:00 PM	Walk to dinner (Grey Restaurant)
7:00-9:00 PM	Roundtable dinner with Ambassador Raimonda Murmokaitė, Director of MFA Transatlantic Cooperation and Security Policy Department, M.Koroliovienė (Defense Adviser to Lithuanian President), M.Žičkus (Public Governance Senior Advisor to the Lithuanian President), Ambassador at large D.Junevičius (MFA Vice-Minister's Office), Ambassador at large S. Šatūnas (MFA Eastern Partnership Policy Department), and V.Mikėnas to explore importance of U.S.-European, U.S.-Lithuanian, and US-Baltic nations transatlantic ties. Dinner free-flowing and will consist of open questions with the Ambassador.
9:00 PM	Transfer to hotel

July 3

8:00 AM	Breakfast at hotel
10:45 AM	Flight to Riga
11:35 AM	Arrive in Riga
12:00-12:30 PM	Transfer to hotel
12:30-1:15 PM	Check into hotel
1:15-1:30 PM	Transfer to Ministry of Defense
1:30-2:30 PM	Briefing lunch at Ministry of Foreign Affairs: meeting to discuss Latvian-U.S. military cooperation and defense threats facing the Baltics with Janis Kazocins, National Security Advisor to the President of Latvia
2:35-3:35 PM	Meeting at Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: meeting with Prof. Deniss Hanovs of Riga Stradiņš University, Gunta Sloga from Baltic Center for Media Excellence, Sanita Jemberga and Ms Inga Sprinģe of Baltica, Baltic Center for Investigative Journalism, and Daunis Auers of the Certus (Latin for strong) political-economy policy think tank. Topics will include U.S.-Latvian political and economic ties, role of free media and countering Russian propaganda, and the role of Russian influence in the region from the perspective of leading Latvian academics, journalist, and think tank officials.
3:35-4:00 PM	Depart for US Embassy Riga; security check in
4:00-4:55 PM	Briefing at US Embassy on US-Latvian relations, regional security threats with James Snoddy, Foreign Service Officer for political-military affairs.
4:55-5:15 PM	Transfer to NATO Strategic Communications (StratCom) Center of Excellence
5:15-6:15 PM	Visit to NATO StratCom – briefing with NATO officials at NATO's strategic communications center think tank. This meeting will explore the Center's role in NATO cyber defense, public diplomacy, disrupting Russian disinformation campaigns, coordination between NATO's central headquarters and member states, and the role the Center plays in achieving NATO's military and political objectives.
6:15-6:30 PM	Transfer to dinner (Muusu restaurant)

6:30-8:30 PM	Keynote dinner with Speaker of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
8:30 PM	Transfer to hotel

July 4

8:00-9:00 AM	Working Breakfast
9:15-9:30 AM	Transfer to Foreign Ministry
9:30-10:15 AM	Meeting at Foreign Ministry with Edgars Rinkēvičs, Minister of Foreign Affairs. Meeting will be on the standpoint of the Cabinet-level Foreign Minister on U.S.-Latvian relations. Q&A will follow a short speech.
10:15-10:30 AM	Transfer to Ministry of Defense
10:30-11:45 AM	Meeting at Ministry of Defense: Briefing by Jānis Karlsbergs, Under-Secretary of State/Policy Director. Briefing will begin with a brief description of Latvian defense landscape, Russian threats in light of its 'Zapad' military exercises on the border and growing presence in and missile tests in Baltic Sea, before expounding on legislative and military goals of the Ministry of Defense. The speech will be followed by a Q&A.
11:45-12:00 PM	Transfer to Riga Synagogue
12:00-12:45 PM	Commemoration at site of burnt great Riga Synagogue. Commemoration to be followed by briefing on the history of the Holocaust in the national consciousness, as well as the geopolitical impact of rising European anti-Semitism.
12:45-1:00 PM	Transfer to lunch
1:00-1:55 PM	Working roundtable lunch at hosted by Ministry of Defense
1:55-2:00 PM	Transfer to Latvian Parliament (Saeima)
2:00-2:20PM	Briefing on the political system of Latvia – Latvian government will provide a briefing on Latvian political system as well as a tour of the Saeima parliament. During working tour, the legislative staffer will show group various key areas of Parliament building and their role in the national political process.
2:20-2:30 PM	Photo with Ināra Mūrniece, Speaker of Saeima
2:30-3:15 PM	Working tour of Riga Old City with Latvian legislative staffer. The tour will focus on location of government buildings in Riga as well as their roles in national politics, as well as sites important for civil society
3:15-3:45	Transfer to hotel
3:45-4:00 PM	Transfer to Occupation Museum
4:00-5:00 PM	Visit to Occupation Museum; Guided tour of free museum led by Latvian foreign ministry staffer, exploring the historical Soviet occupation, roots of current tension in Russian-Latvian relations, ongoing fears of Russian regional aggression, and Latvian dedication to freedom and defense against future aggression.
5:00-5:30	Transfer to hotel

5:30-5:55	De-briefing at hotel with trip participants and Hudson staffers on half-way point of trip. The debrief will solicit feedback on trip so far, allow for questions to be raised that still haven't been addressed, and a short briefing of upcoming meetings in Latvia and Estonia.
6:45-7:00 PM	Transfer to restaurant (Osta)
7:00-9:00 PM	Working dinner at restaurant with Ojārs Kalniņš, Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament of Latvia. Speech to be followed by a Q&A. The speech and discussion will focus on the state of Latvian foreign affairs and the Parliament's role in crafting foreign policy, as well as the U.S.-Latvian ties and security relationship.
9:00 PM	Transfer to hotel

July 5

7:30 AM	Flight to Tallinn
8:30 AM	Arrive in Tallinn
8:30-9:00 AM	Transfer to hotel
9:00-10:15 AM	Check into hotel
10:15-10:30 AM	Transfer to Ministry of Defense
10:30-11:30 AM	Meeting with Undersecretary for Defense Policy, Kristjan Prikk at the Ministry of Defense. This meeting will focus on pressing security concerns for the Estonians, including topics such as growing Russian aggression in the region following the 'Zapad' Russian exercises, Russian Naval presence in the Baltic Sea, and the American-Estonian security partnership from the perspective of the Defense Ministry.
11:30-12:00 PM	Meeting with Kusti Salm, Director of Defense Investments Department at Ministry of Defense
12:00-12:30 PM	Meeting with Tanel Sepp, Deputy Director of the Ministry of Defense's Cyber Policy Department
12:30-12:45 PM	Transfer to lunch
12:45-2:15PM	Lunch
2:15-2:30 PM	Transfer to E-Estonia Showroom Briefing Center
2:30-3:30 PM	Visit to E-Estonia Showroom Briefing Center: briefing by government officials on success of Estonian government in building links between government and technological services to create "information society," with particular focus on its applicability for national and international security. Discussion topics will include role of government and technology in cybersecurity, intelligence, public safety, as well as political economy.
3:30-4:00 PM	Transfer to US Embassy
4:00-5:00 PM	Country briefing at US Embassy to discuss US-Estonian ties and state of U.S. mission in Estonia and the Baltics. The roundtable will start with a short briefing on Estonian situation from Embassy perspective, followed by free-flowing Q&A.

6:00-6:15 PM	Transfer to restaurant
6:15-7:00 PM	Pre-dinner briefing at restaurant – informal meeting between trip participants and their Estonian legislative counterparts to address policy concerns, future areas of cooperation between respective governments, and deepen knowledge of the structure and function of the Estonian political system.
7:00-9:30 PM	Working dinner with Foreign Policy Adviser to Prime Minister of Estonia, Mariin Ratnik – a keynote speech will be followed by Q&A. The dinner will address topic such as strengthening American and Estonian political and military ties in light of growing Russian aggression in the region, ongoing cybersecurity concerns, European worries over changing U.S. policy towards Europe, and the geopolitical issue of Russian dominance over energy supply.
9:30 PM	Transfer to hotel

July 6

8:00-8:45 AM	Breakfast at hotel
8:45-9:00 AM	Transfer to Ministry of Foreign Affairs
9:00-10:00 AM	Meeting at Ministry of Foreign Affairs: MFA Head of Division, Security Policy and Transatlantic Relations, Miko Haljas. This meeting will examine the relationship between Estonia, European allies and U.S., especially in light of growing European skepticism about continued U.S. involvement and commitment.
10:00-10:15 AM	Transfer to Estonian Parliament
10:15-11:15 AM	Meeting at Estonian Parliament: Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee, Marko Mihkelson – this meeting will seek to strengthen American understanding of the Estonian legislative branch and function, and also seek to educate the American staffers on the major foreign policy role that Estonia's Parliament and its Foreign Affairs Committee play in legislative and oversight terms.
11:15 AM-12:00 PM	Briefing on Estonian political system followed by a brief tour of government building. During the working tour, an Estonian legislative staffer will show group various key areas of Parliament building, role in the national political process.
12:00-1:15 PM	Lunch
1:15-1:30 PM	Transfer to Estonian Government Information System Authority
1:30-2:30 PM	Estonian Government Information System Authority – briefing by employee of Information System Authority on the state of technology e-infrastructure, and cybersecurity initiatives in Estonia.
2:30-3:00 PM	Transfer to NATO Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence (CCDCOE)
3:00-4:00 PM	Visit to NATO (CCDCOE); this meeting will explore the importance of joint Estonian-American-NATO cybersecurity efforts and will be led by a senior staffer from the CCDCOE. The discussion will focus on the role Estonia plays in strengthening NATO-wide cybersecurity policy, major cyber policy innovations, and the need for American-NATO-

	Estonian leadership going forward as Russia, other enemies grow increasingly aggressive on the cyber frontier.
4:00-4:15 PM	Transfer to Estonian Defense Industries Association (EDIA) Headquarters
4:15-5:15 PM	Meeting with Estonian Defense Industries Association – briefing on state of domestic Estonian defense industry. Senior representatives from EDIA will provide briefing, followed by a breakdown of current status and future of Estonia’s defense and security industry, major innovations, the role of the EDIA’s various enterprises for future security concerns and projects, and its role in European defense and security institutions.
5:15-5:45 PM	Transfer to hotel
6:45 – 7:00 PM	Transfer to dinner
7:00-9:00 PM	Dinner
9:00 PM	Transfer to hotel

July 7

6:10 AM	Depart Tallinn for Washington
1:15 PM	Arrive in Washington DC

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Hudson Institute Congressional Staff Study Trip to the Baltics

June 30, 2018-July 7, 2018

Participants:

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4. Max Huntley, Legislative Aide, Office of Rep. Rob Wittman (R-VA)
5. Jason Knox, Navy Fellow, Office of Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI)
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